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**Subject:** Asbestos Abatement Certification

The state certifications for asbestos are:

- asbestos worker--required for anyone who works on asbestos removal projects.
- asbestos supervisor--required for supervision of asbestos projects (one supervisor per shift/crew).
- asbestos contractor--required to contract to do asbestos work for others.

Worker and supervisor certificates can be obtained by taking the appropriate basic class (32 hours for workers, 40 hours for supervisors, supervisors must have previous experience in asbestos abatement or construction). Classes are taught by several organizations in Washington. A list of training sponsors can be found at:

[http://www.lni.wa.gov/wisha/p-ts/asbestos/course\\_data/asbestos2.htm](http://www.lni.wa.gov/wisha/p-ts/asbestos/course_data/asbestos2.htm)

Asbestos work is covered under WISHA rules. Certification requirements are found in Chapter 296-65 WAC. Work rules and procedures are found in Chapter 296-62 WAC, Part I-1. You may want to review these requirements, particularly the appendices that describe the work procedures, before deciding to take on this work. You can review our rules online at:

<http://www.lni.wa.gov/wisha/rules/default.htm>

Work in the Seattle area is also covered by the Puget Sound Clean Air Agency.  
<http://www.pscleanair.org/> They have additional permitting requirements and work rules. (If you are working with property in other parts of Washington State you can find the appropriate air pollution authority at <http://www.ecy.wa.gov/programs/air/local.html>.)

If you decide to hire a contractor to conduct the work, you can find a list of certified contractors at:

<http://www.lni.wa.gov/wisha/p-ts/asbestos/asbestos3.htm>

If you have any further questions, feel free to contact me.

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Elan,

I would suggest that you contact Kari Butler If you have questions regarding asbestos abatement contractor certification, please her at 360-902-5435 or 1-800-423-7233. Or you can email her at: butm235@lni.wa.gov <mailto:butm235@lni.wa.gov> She can answer questions covering the steps necessary to become a certified asbestos abatement contractor and the training that an asbestos abatement contractor must provide workers and project supervisors.

Helpful information can also be found at: <<http://www.lni.wa.gov/wisha/p-ts/Asbestos/asbestos.htm>>

The WISHA rules covering asbestos abatement can be found at:

<<http://www.lni.wa.gov/wisha/rules/asbestos/Default.htm>>  
<[http://www.lni.wa.gov/WISHA/Rules/generaloccupationalhealth/HTML/62I-1\\_1.htm](http://www.lni.wa.gov/WISHA/Rules/generaloccupationalhealth/HTML/62I-1_1.htm)>

Firms providing asbestos abatement workers and site supervisors training are listed at:

<[http://www.lni.wa.gov/wisha/p-ts/Asbestos/course\\_data/asbestos2.htm](http://www.lni.wa.gov/wisha/p-ts/Asbestos/course_data/asbestos2.htm)>

In addition to WISHA, Puget Sound Clear Air Agency (<<http://www.pscleanair.org>>) has rules covering the removal and disposal of asbestos (<<http://www.pscleanair.org/asbestos/asbe-cont-info.shtml>>).

Should you ultimately decide to subcontract out the asbestos abatement work, a list of certified asbestos contractors can be found at: <<http://www.lni.wa.gov/wisha/p-ts/Asbestos/asbestos3.htm>>

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